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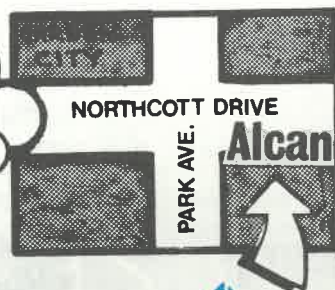
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Newcastle KB United will be attempting today to do something they have never achieved since entering the Philips League last year — take points off Sydney City.

As Eastern Suburbs-Hakoah, the Sydney City Slickers took the PSL newcomers to the cleaners 4-1 in the very first game of the season and then backed-up to win 1-0 in the second round match in Sydney.

We saw four of their players in Ian Souness, Steve O'Connor, John Stevenson and Joe Watson recently named in Rudi Gutendorf's national squad which was on show in Newcastle on Wednesday.

Under the coaching of Gerry Chaldi the Sydney club has one of the strongest and best prepared playing squads in the PSL. They have the facility to slot in talented substitutes when needed.

This year they have undergone a change of image which has brought about the emergence of Sydney City in place of Easts-Hakoah. It is a conversion partly engineered by John Warren, the former Socceroo skipper, Canberra City coach and promotions manager. He is now the promotions chief at Sydney City and is doing the groundwork to establish the club as the soccer team with the Sydney image.

They are known as the City Slickers and their new badge has a Harbour Bridge and nautical motif.

Runners-up in the championship last year and winners in 1977, they have the

professionalism and financial backing to keep them at the top this season.

Sydney City's new image has brought handsome dividends with the announcement of a dual sponsorship for 1979 by Presto Smallgoods and City Ford.

Successors to Eastern Suburbs-Hakoah, the 1978 Philips League grand final winners, they have retained the assistance of Presto Smallgoods.

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FROM THE TUNNEL



Alan Vest

It was a terrible way to lose our first game in the league this season and there was no one more disgusted and disappointed than the players themselves. However that's football, these things happen in the game, and that's what makes it the best game in the world. I can quote you a number of incidents in English football that same weekend which are hard to explain and could have blown promotion for the respective clubs against bottom teams at home, Sunderland lost at home to Cardiff, Barnsley lost 3-0 at home to bottom club Rochdale, Elton John's Watford 2 up missed a penalty and drew 2-2 with Plymouth. All unbelievable results, but to anyone who knows anything about the game, things can happen. Players are only human and have off days just the same as anyone else, so let's not be too despondent.

I'm proud of this team and so should you be. They've had a tremendous start to the season against all predictions and all the odds. They've been written off every week by Sports Writers throughout the country. They even have to contend with jealousies within their own town, but they've overcome those things to have that magnificent start. They've got character and pride in the club, sure they've had a bad performance and before the season is over they'll have other bad performances. They're not the greatest players in the world but for that tremendous start you players I salute you and you spectators should do the same.

Well another defeat at the hands of Brisbane Lions in Brisbane and a bitter disappointment for the fans who travelled there. We've certainly struck a bad patch and it's going to take a lot of hard work by players, staff and supporters to get back on the right track. I'm sure the boys know they will have to be at their best to beat today's opponents Sydney City who are and have been one of the best sides in Australia. Maybe with the pressure off against the Australian XI the boys will have got their confidence back, let's hope so, but it's now that they need that support.

Alan Vest travels by Holden courtesy of McLEOD, KELSO and LEE



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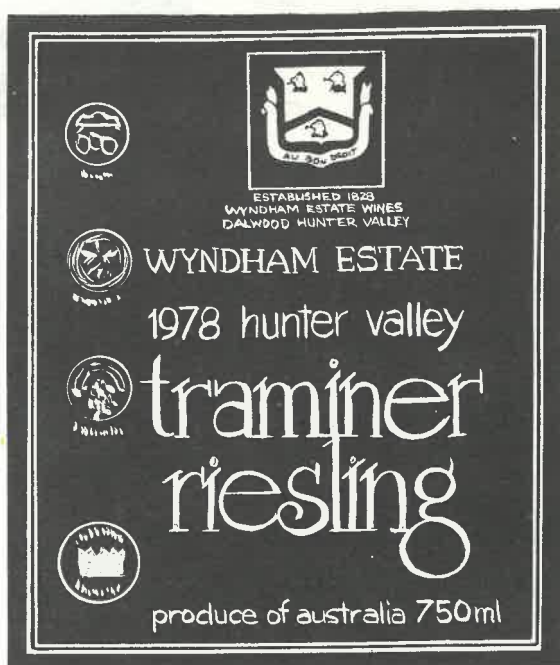
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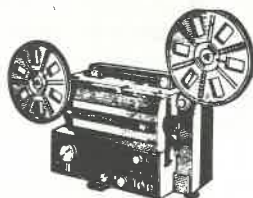
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The second game is an under-15 match between Charlestown Hotspur and Kotara South and will be 35 minutes each way.

While waiting for the action to start fans will be entertained today by Rick Pointon and his new band, the Legendary Minmi Beach Band.

Rick's musical history as member and inspiration behind Benny and the Jets is well known. He took a break from music to give his voice a rest but has lately been seen doing it as much damage while chanting along with the supporters.

Newcastle United's guests at today's

match are the players and manager from Timbertown Soccer Club under-10 team. The boys have travelled down from Wauchope to catch the PSL action and we hope they enjoy the afternoon.

Supporters who travelled to Brisbane last week report that the Lions killed us on the park and then slaughtered the Newcastle people with hospitality after the game. The bus load of Novocastrians was invited back to the Lions Club at Inala for a barbecue and disco. The Brisbane people really looked after the Newcastle fans so well that the friendliness and camaraderie helped soften the smarting of that 3-0 defeat.

With Kenny Boden and Peter Tredinnick playing on the other side on Wednesday some supporters found it hard to decide who to cheer for.

SUPPORTERS CLUB NEWS

Newcastle KB United has supporters all over Australia as we are lately discovering. Some of our supporters who followed the team to Melbourne and Brisbane reported that a good number of locals in both centres turned out to cheer for United.

We have learned that there are car loads of people regularly travelling from Sydney to watch the team. To all these people, thank you for your support. If you wish to join our club we will make sure you are well catered for. Your enthusiasm is a good example to some of the local "knockers" who showed their colours after the Canberra game.

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Regardless of the result it was refreshing to go to Brisbane and enjoy the company of real loyal supporters. More and more people should take part in these away trips.

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Newcastle people can get into the FA Cup Final mood tonight by attending the Cup-fever party arranged by the supporters club at the Bushwacker Hotel, Mount Hutton.

The party starts at 10.30 p.m. and before the telecast begins there will be a disco, film highlights from past great games and then the Cup final on the big screen. Drinks will be available and children are welcome in family groups. Tickets are available at the supporters stall and at \$1 each and \$3 for a family group, it represents great value.

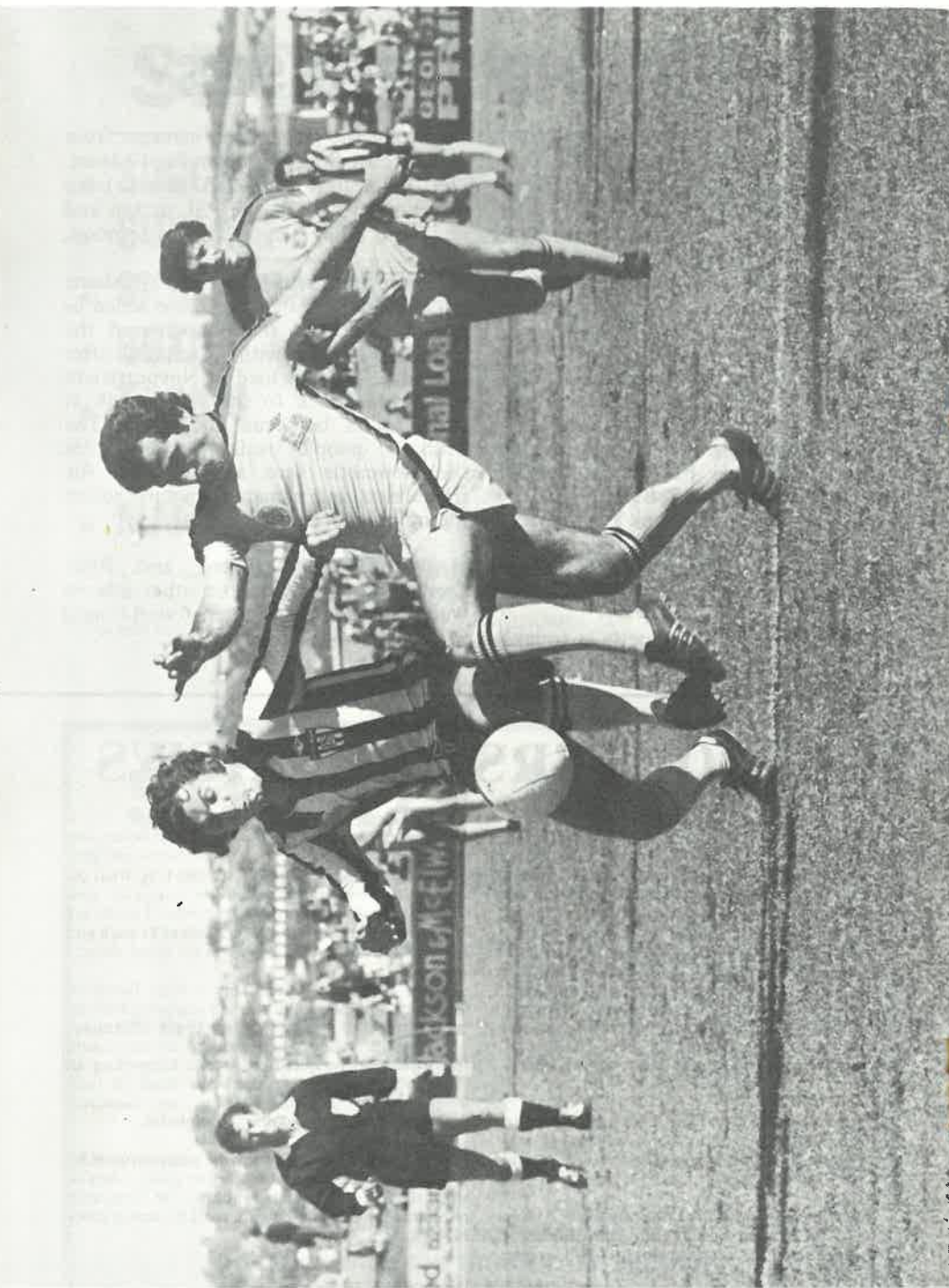
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We received a letter from a Mrs. Heyes of Cessnock who is keen to start a local branch of the supporters club and has many people interested.

Arrangement is underway to accommodate the Cessnock people but what's happening in those other country centres? We want to hear from people in such places as Gosford, Muswellbrook, Denman and Singleton.

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Dungog has already shown great support by organising a bus load to our home game. They've since made some friends amongst the Newcastle regulars and you can be sure we'll be seeing more of them.



Socceroos in action: Newcastle's Col Curran, an ex-international, battles with Adelaide City's national squad member John Nyskohous. (PIC: Newcastle Herald)

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THE CUP FINAL

By the early hours of tomorrow morning most soccer fans will know whether Arsenal have out-gunned the Devils or Manchester United have bedevilled the Gunners.

Over 100,000 people will be at Wembley and millions more will be watching on TV when Arsenal — the Gunners — take on Manchester United — the Red Devils — in tonight's FA Cup final which kicks off around midnight our time.

The famous stadium in north-west London has been the scene of many memorable Cup finals and hopefully tonight will produce something worthy of a place among the best.

At this very moment, approximately nine hours before the kick-off, Cup final activity would be very much in evidence around London. Last night, the West End would have been packed with Manchester supporters. Many would have tickets but thousands would have travelled in the faint hope of securing a seat or standing room for a glimpse of the action.

The majority of the ticketless will be disappointed while some willingly pay the ransom prices demanded by scalpers. Such is the pull of the Cup final.

Arsenal is one club which can command a tremendous amount of fervent support from its fans — almost rivalling that of United. With the allocation of tickets to the respective supporters clubs, the supporters of the North London club will be out in force.

The match has the ingredients to make it something special. And all those people who later today will be making the slow progress in the masses crawling up Wembley Way to the stadium might well be considering some of the factors which set United and Arsenal apart from some of the other top clubs.

Their respective histories set them apart from most. They have each won the Cup four times. United were successful in 1909, 1948, 1963 and 1977. Arsenal lifted the trophy in 1930, 1936, 1950 and 1971, the year they won the coveted League-Cup double.

Both clubs have red and white as their first choice colours and at time of writing it is not certain which club will be obliged to change.

Arsenal's first choice alternative is a blue and yellow outfit while United can switch to white shirt and black shorts.

Red and white clashes have been common in Cup finals of late with the combination appearing in 1977 when United beat Liverpool and 1976 when Southampton tossed United. On both occasions the team in the changed strip were the winners.

In 1976 United went to Wembley as favourites and were upset 1-0 by Southampton. The following year the Devils started as underdogs and beat Liverpool.

Last year Arsenal were odds-on favourites to beat Ipswich and were beaten 1-0. This year they

face up again with the chance of atoning for last year's disappointment. Will they repeat United's losing-winning sequence or will the Devils secure their fifth Cup victory?

Looking at the two teams, there appears to be little separating them. Last Saturday, Arsenal were sixth on the ladder with a match remaining and Manchester were 10th with two games in hand.

Their attacking records have been similar with the Gunners scoring 60 to United's 56. But it is in the respective defensive records that the season's story can be found.

While Arsenal have conceded 47, United's defence has not been as tight in letting in 60. But on Cup day history has shown that records mean nothing. It is players, not records which win matches.

Two men who might well decide the issue could be two of the biggest boys on the park. And both of them are Scots. Joe Jordan, the fearsome and fearless international striker who will carry so much of United's hope up front, will be opposed to Willie Young, the giant red-headed centre back.

A recent sending off had put some doubt on Young's availability but Arsenal have held firm hope that any suspension will not rob him of a place in the Wembley team.

His strength in the air is the only effective foil to Jordan and their battle should hold intense interest.

But it will not necessarily be a day for the Scots. Sammy McIlroy of United comes up against fellow Irishman in midfield ace Liam Brady. McIlroy is a grafter and a goalscorer of note while "Chippy" Brady's skill and vision creates so many openings for others. Brady comes to Wembley wearing the mantle of the Professional Players Choice of Player-of-the-year and after a disappointing final last May, will be looking for a winner's medal tomorrow.

United's skipper Martin Buchan will be remembered as the cool customer who was brilliant in holding his defence together in the face of relentless pressure from Liverpool in United's 1-0 semi-final replay victory.

Arsenal have the often brilliant and just as often unpredictable winger Steve Coppell to contend with and if he hits his straps could be a destroyer for United.

But one of the Gunners' trumps could be their magnificent veteran goalkeeper Pat Jennings, winner of so many honours and cool veteran of so many big occasions.

Points to look for in the game will be the brilliant opportunism of United striker Jim Greenwood, the influence of Brady and Lou Macari's role in trying to contain him, the Jordan-Young clash and the combination between Gordon McQueen and Buchan in striving to deny Arsenal's Alan Sunderland and Frank Stapleton.

It could be, should be, a great game.



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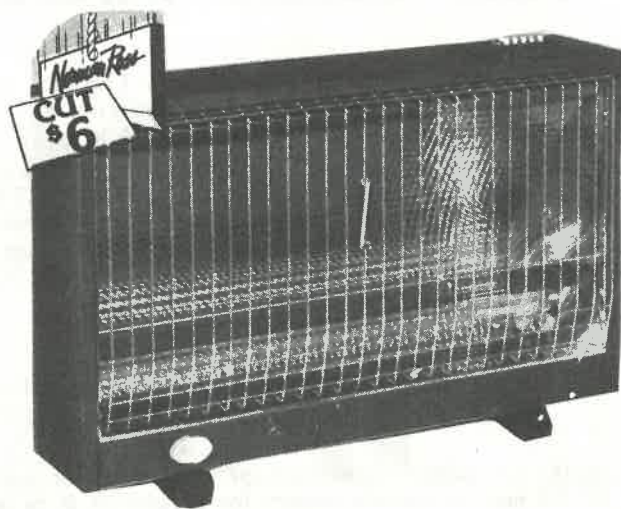
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BRISBANE CITY	4	2	3	14	13	10
OLYMPIC	4	—	5	12	10	8
HEIDELBERG	3	2	4	10	11	8
WEST ADELAIDE	3	2	4	5	10	8
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BLUEBELLS IN BLOOM (By Jack Mathews)

No Soccer club in Australia has a more illustrious recognition, a record of greater success, a list of more distinguished players through the years or is held in such great, almost affectionate, regard than that which nestles at the foot of the towering Mt. Sugarloaf.

It is, of course, the famous West Wallsend Club from Johnson Park — the Blues of almost legendary renown. None has written more impressive or remarkable pages in Australia's Soccer history.

A writer of boys' football fiction would have rejected as too fanciful for his heroes a team which was such a power in so many years in statewide and regional play and which had so many players whose names were not only household words but who were held in near reverence.

West Wallsend was, for a long period, just such a team.

When in Perth some years ago I was several times asked by people who had never visited the eastern States about the West Wallsend team. They knew a great deal about the famous old club and of its many great players and could tell of them and the club's great successes in surprising detail. And it was little different in Brisbane where the older supporters of the code spoke of West Wallsend's players as if they were members of the Pineapple Rovers or Bundamba Rangers, top Queensland teams of their day.

West Wallsend Club — the Bluebells in its early days — was formed in 1892 and reformed in 1896. Few records of the club's early days seem to be available but suffice to say that it is obvious that it flourished from the start and gained solid support evident to this day.

Founded, in the main, by miners in the area the club had great local support at a time when there were some outstanding clubs and teams in the North — Minmi Rangers, Minmi Thistles, Wallsend Rovers, Burwood United, Adamstown Rosebuds, Carrington Black Watch and the rest.

West Wallsend won its first competition in 1897 and repeated the success in the next two seasons. Its Cup-fighting qualities, its very hallmark of fame, came to the fore in 1900 and 1901 when it became the third Northern team to win the famous Gardiner Cup which had been awarded for competition 15 years before. It was a noted Cup success that was to be repeated many times. In 1900, 1901 and 1902 West Wallsend retained the Ellis Cup, a Northern knock-out competition it had won for the first time in 1899. And, in 1901, 1902 and 1904, West Wallsend won the Northern premiership.

It was defeated, three-one, by Pyrmont Rangers in the Gardiner Cup final of 1902 so that in eight seasons between 1897 and 1904 the Bluebells won the Gardiner Cup twice, lost in the final once — all in successive seasons — won the Northern premiership six times and the Ellis Cup four times. Surely that is a remarkable performance and one for which a parallel has yet to be found.

It set the pattern for the seasons to come. As an instance, the Northern premiership was won seven times between 1913 and 1926, the Ellis Cup and the Kerr Cup each four times.

However, for all its consistency in Northern competition — in its first 40 seasons West Wallsend won 28 knock-out competition finals and lost a few too — it is the magnificent success in Gardiner Cup play, regarded as the most valued success in all Australian Soccer

competition, that quickened the interest and which still causes heads to shake in some wonder when the record is studied.

West Wallsend teams played in the Final of the Gardiner Cup, which was competed for by the best teams in the State (and there were many good cup-fighting sides in those days) 14 times, including four drawn finals which had to be replayed. In those hard fought finals, West Wallsend teams scored 26 goals and conceded 19. And the Cup was won six times.

The statistics speak volumes for the club's greatness but do not tell of the greatness of the players who provided them. Reams could be written about those who wore the shirts of blue.

In the teams which won the Gardiner Cup in 1900 and 1901 and lost the 1902 final only 12 players were used, the one change being in the goalkeeping duties. They were shared by M. Burrell and E. Palmer.

The field players were — A. Muir, F. Leckie; D. Maunder, R. Harden, W. Teasdale; J. Curran, R. Howie, C. Swan, R. Leckie, J. Robertson.

During the Blues' great Gardiner Cup run from 1919 to 1926 when it played in six finals with success in 1921, 1923, 1924 and 1926 and losses in 1919 and 1922, some players were almost ever-presents. Indeed, the great, stout-hearted and particularly clever tactician, Clarrie Coutts was. He played in all six finals and in the three drawn matches against Sydney before West Wallsend won the fourth match, one-nil, at the old Tramway Ground in Hamilton.

His brother, Jack, a grand personality, played in five finals, as did the tenacious defender, Henry Maunder. His brother, Bill — better known to the Soccer world as 'Podge', one of the most brilliant forwards the game in Australia has produced, played in four finals as did the mercurial left-winger, Di McLaughlin.

The Coutts brothers and 'Big Hen' Maunder each won four Cup medals while H. ('Butcher') James, 'Podge' Maunder, Di McLaughlin and Frank Coolahan each won three.

Who among Soccer enthusiasts of the days of the Tramway Ground and Hobart Park can forget the great West Wallsend teams of the time.

There was Wally McKenzie or Jack Coutts in goal, 'Butcher' James and Henry Maunder at full-back, the half-back line of Clarrie Coutts, 'Big' Dick Sneddon, Bill Smith and the forward line of Tommy Coates, 'Dutchy' Phillips of Frank Hayes, 'Podge' Maunder, 'Puzzlefoot' Tommy Sinclair and Di McLaughlin.

And when one of the team was injured or called it a day there, waiting to be called, were such great players as Frank and Bill Coolahan, 'Wagga' James, 'Bunny' Muir, Ernie Richardson and others fortunate to be among such a galaxy of stars. Indeed, among those who waited for a chance were some of Australia's top internationals.

It has perhaps been noted that in the club's Gardiner Cup teams of 1900-01-02 the right half-back was D. Maunder. He was the father of the brothers, 'Podge' and Henry.

The right winger in those teams was James Curran. His grandson, Colin, is one of K.B. United's mainstays.

Many from West Wallsend have played for the North, N.S.W. and Australia. The club has gone on and on adding to its great history. There have, of course, been bleak times but West Wallsend is a club of spirit and determination and has risen above misfortunes.

The West Wallsend story, sketchy as it be here because of space restrictions, is one of the most remarkable in Australian Soccer but then, as we said earlier, truth is much stranger and much more powerful than fiction. The West Wallsend Club proves it to be so.



Edgeworth's Kevin Riley is challenged by Kenny Boden and Malcolm McClelland in the Cup match.
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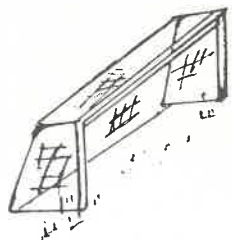
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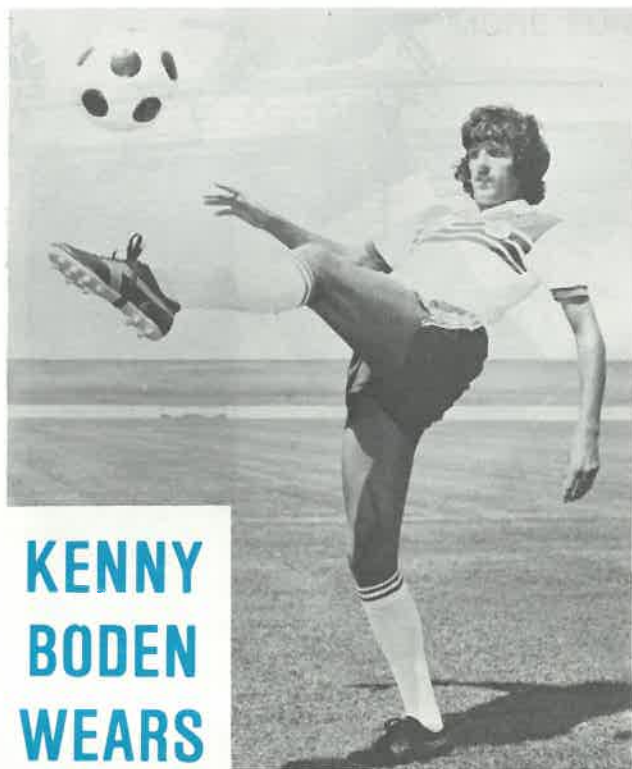
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